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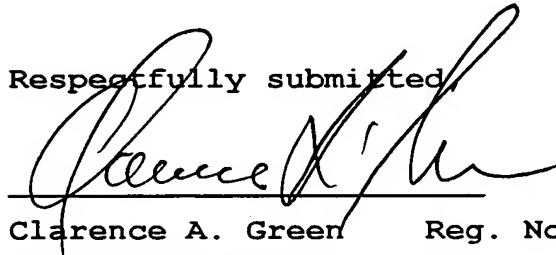
The above-identified patent application has a corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/EP00/03324 filed April 13, 2000 and a priority German Patent Application No. DE 19921072.1 filed May 8, 1999. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of the PCT International Search Report dated August 22, 2000, issued on the corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/EP00/03324. The Search Report cited United States Patent No. US 5,788,447 and PCT

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